



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, October 26 2025

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

**Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,
Sylvia, Marian, Al, Shaun, Josh,
Orrin**

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

- * Song **Great Things CCLI # 7111321**
- * God's Greeting
- * Song **Lord, I Need You CCLI 5925687**

God Renews Us In His Grace

Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Song: **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy LUYH # 689**

I Know Not Why God's Wonderous Grace # LUYH 690

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song **Lord I Lift Your Name on High LUYH # 610**

Children (Dismissal age 3-Grade 6) for Sunday School Grade 7 & 8 Catechism

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 13: 1-17

Message: Series "Come Follow Me" Doing as Jesus did....

*Song: **Slow Me Down CCLI # 7212840**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Turning Point

Offertory **Breathe CCLI 1874117**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

- * God's Sending and Blessing
- * Song: **10,000 Reasons LUYH # 559**

* Indicates to please stand if you are able **LUYH** stands for Lift Up Your Hearts (the red song book in the pews)

Gathering for Worship

LARGE PRINT copies of the Lift Up Your Hearts hymn book are available for use during worship. They are located on the bookcase in the foyer next to the administrator's office. Large print copies of songs not in LUYH are available from the ushers.

Nursery and Sunday School programs will be available during the church service for those parents who wish their children to participate. We have classes for children aged 3 to Grade 6. Children will be dismissed during the worship gathering. The Education Committee, Sunday School, and Nursery, with the support of Council, have developed a plan to safely care for your children.

Valet service - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available from 9:35 to 9:55 Sunday mornings. Simply drive your car up to the east door (under the car port) and one of our friendly drivers will meet you, help unload your mobility device and park your car for you! If you are interested, contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), through Facebook or via email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com

Upcoming Services:

<u>Oct 26:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 2:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 9:</u>	Walter Miedema
<u>Nov 16:</u>	Pastor Jay

Exeter CRC strives to be a healthy community. If you are feeling unwell in any way join our worship gathering on-line. We continue to worship together as a community of God's people. **YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/3yYa4ze>



Exeter CRC is accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please have an usher direct you to the sound booth for an assistive device.

From the Deacons

The offering this Sunday is Turning Point

<u>Nov 2:</u>	World Renew – World Hunger
<u>Nov 9:</u>	Christian Schools Bursary Fund
<u>Nov 16:</u>	Deacons - Benevolence

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous contributions to our annual Thanksgiving food drive for the Exeter Food Bank. Many families and individuals in our community will be blessed by your generosity. Thank you for demonstrating God's love in such a tangible and impactful way

Next Sunday, Chidi Nwene from World Renew will be participating in our worship service. Through a short presentation, he plans to highlight some of the key food security challenges in the global South and how World Renew is responding to them.

The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to ecrcgiving@gmail.com. Please state in the memo the cause(s) you are supporting. Coupons for the offering are available in the office; please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.



MemberCare⁺ is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided through By Peaceful Waters. Please call **519-886-8577** or email mail@bypeacefulwaters.ca for more information.

Our Church Family

Calendar of Events: One of the features of our website is a calendar of meetings and events to help keep you up to date. Click on this [link](#) to have a look at everything happening at ECRC.

Condolences: We as a church family extend our sincerest condolences to Harry Van Wieren's family on his passing this past Tuesday October 21, 2025. Visitation will be held at Haskett Funeral Home Exeter, on Friday Oct 24th from 11:30 - 12:30 with funeral following at 1:00 pm.

For those who have a prayer request or are sharing a thanksgiving, please feel free to include it on the church's Facebook page, or please contact your elder or the church office if you wish to include it in the bulletin or The Bridge App.

Exeter CRC Announcements

Common Plate Community Meals Come on out from 5:30-7pm at Precious Blood Catholic Church for weekly dinners starting on September 2 to enjoy a complimentary meal, Common Plate, and build relationships with our broader community?

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows donations@Exetercommonplate.org

Coffee Break: Please join Wednesday's from 9:30 – 11:00 am for coffee break. Childcare will be available. Hope to see you all there and please invite a friend.

Volunteers Needed Coffee Break is starting Wednesday, September 24/25 and will run weekly from 9:30-11:00am. Once again, childcare will be provided. Volunteers will be needed to help care for the little ones in the nursery. If you can help out, even one morning, please contact Karen Knip.

Join the Christmas Cantata Choir!

Practices start **Monday, October 20 at 7:30** in the sanctuary and will continue for a total of nine Monday evenings. All are warmly invited to join - no prior choir experience needed. Let's lift our voices together and celebrate the season by singing to the Lord!

Visual Arts: For many years, Leo and Yvonne have contributed their passion and artistic skills to Visual Arts, organizing displays throughout each season. Their work has supported our worship and reminded us of God's love and redemption work. Leo and Yvonne have decided to step down from this role. The worship committee thanks them for their time and efforts. This decision creates an opening on the visual arts team. Individuals interested in joining or assisting for a season are invited to contact Sylvia Hulshof with any questions about the role.

GEMS Fundraiser We collect grocery receipts from Hansen's Independent for their Save-A-Tape program. Please deposit your receipts in the box marked in the foyer. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Karen Knip.

Budget: It is that time of year again, please forward your detailed budget requests to Rick Hulshof or Greg Langendyk by **Oct 29, 2025**. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

Catechism: Hey Grade, 7 & 8's! Catechism is starting a new session that will run from Oct 26-Dec 14. Elder Jake will continue the Bible back roads series! Hope to see you there!

Church Sign: We are seeking a volunteer to do monthly/bi-weekly updates for the letterboard under the church sign. Anyone who is interested please reach out to Curtis Heyink.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

Youth Service: The youth of Stratford CRC are hosting a youth service November 23 at 6:30 and would love for all those in youth to come out! Snack and social to follow. Hope to see you all there!

Huron Christian School: We have received an amazing response from both the school and the surrounding community for contributions! We appreciate your support for this major fundraiser!

The HCS 38th Annual Auction kicks off with the online portion on Thursday, November 20, closing Friday at 9 PM. The live auction will take place on Saturday, November 22, with bidding starting at 7 PM in the school gym.

Information on how to sign up for the online auction will be available soon! Reach out to auction@huronchristianschool.ca with any questions.

Kindergarten Registration: Children born in 2021 or 2022 can register for the 2026–2027 school year on Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 9:00–11:30 a.m at Huron Christian School. Call 519-482-7851 to book your appointment and get a registration package! See Bulletin board for more information.

Dear Congregation: Thank you for stepping into God's mission through your generous support of Resonate! Through your church's giving to Resonate, your congregation has taken a step of faith into a bigger story to which God has called us as members of the global church. You have taken a step to share the gospel—and God is using your church's mission and generosity to bring transformation to lives, families, and communities all over the world! God's story is bigger than we could ever imagine, and we all have a part to play in this story. In a world marred by hunger, sickness, violence, grief, and despair, the gospel is good news. Your congregation is walking alongside Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders as they share the good news of the gospel that brings fullness, healing, peace, and hope! Thank you for joining people all over the world on their faith journeys. Through your partnership with Resonate, your church is not only a donor—you are a member of the global church who is responding to God's call to spread the gospel among peoples and nations! Serving with you, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

Groundwork: Your Questions about the Triune God - Let's explore your questions about the Trinity together. Study Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 1 Corinthians 15:24-28, Acts 8:14-16, and John 17:20-23 with Groundwork to gain a deeper understanding of the nature of our Triune God and how our belief in the Triune God influences our worship and the sacrament of baptism. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their November Christmas concert series 'Glory to God in the Highest' with 4 concerts scheduled for:

Wednesday Nov. 19 – Knox Presbyterian Church – 59 Riddell Street, Woodstock

Thursday Nov. 20 – Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church – 8037 Highway 7, Guelph-Eramosa

Friday Nov. 21 – Free Reformed Church – 3685 King Street, Vineland

Saturday Nov. 22 – Knox Presbyterian Church – 220 Livingstone Avenue North, Listowel

Directed by Martin Mans, the choir will be accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg on organ and piano, and feature Pieter Baarssen and Johan Petersen, tenors with the Urker Mans Formatie, and Josh Overbeek and Menze Feenstra, tenors with the Hope Canadian Male Choir.

To reserve or purchase your tickets, please email hopecanchoir@gmail.com, call/text 226 338 5459 or purchase tickets directly on our website hopecanadianmalechoir.com or on Eventbrite. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Ticket prices: Adult: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door Youth 10-14: \$10 kids under 10: free.

Concerts start at 7:30 pm.

This Week Oct 26-Nov 1						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8 Youth Room	<u>Monday</u> Gems 7-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Youth Group 7-9 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Coffee Break 9:30 – 11 am	<u>Thursday</u> Cadets 7:00 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16
Elder	Leo Weverink	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde	Joe Lubbers
Deacon	Joy, Anthony	Dianne, Joy	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian
Coffee Clean-Up	Darren & Janelle Joan & Dave	Bill & Cathy Derek & Miranda	Mike & Teresa Joanne & Leah	Aaron & Jolene Nathan and Rachel
Greeters	Sam Vanderlaan, Bert Visscher	Sandra Newton, Jean Vanderlaan	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Yvonne Van Soest Kathryn Langedyk
Ushers	Cliff Knip & Al Vanderlaan	Betty Toornstra & Leo Weverink	Colton Mulder & Jake Zantingh	Tim DeWeerd & Anthony Nyman
Children's Message	Leo W.	Sylvia	Teresa	N/A
Nursery	Wilma Visscher, Joanne Boersma, Wendy Stafford	Anne Zwaan, Tanya, Steenbeek, Avery Poortinga	Marique Crossen, Lisa Heyink, Leah Branderhorst	Joyce Pelley, Sylvia Hulshoff, Layla Denhollander
Sunday School	Sylvia Hulshof, Michelle Meinen , Angela Nyman Clara Steenbeek, Rachel Boersma	Sandra Ducharme, Katelyn Heyink, Lillan Crossen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst	Sandra Ducharme, Jody Mulder, Lillan Corssen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst	Sandra Ducharme, Katelyn Heyink, Lillan Corssen, Maria Bakelaar, Bill Branderhorst
Valet	Albert Hummel	Bill Branderhorst	Tim Deweerd	Greg Langendyk